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REMARKS

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1. On 18 May 1952, while motoring from Warsaw to Lowicz (Q 53/P 27) via Lochaczew (Q 53/P 48), source saw Soviet soldiers working on a telephone line about 15 km west of Warsaw and at several other places along the road. He counted approximately 30 Soviet soldiers. (1)
2. On 19 April 1952, while riding on a train, source saw two sections of Soviet soldiers each consisting of about 20 soldiers practice close combat under the supervision of three Soviet officers in the barracks yard of the installation northwest of the railroad station in Lowicz. This installation was guarded by a Soviet sentry with red-bordered black epaulets without insignia on 3 April 1952. Nine Soviet soldiers were preparing equipment for gymnastics in the barracks yard on 30 March 1952. (2)
3. [redacted] that young men would be inducted in April 1952. (3) 25X1
4. Soviet soldiers were seen in the barracks installation northwest of the railroad station in Lowicz on 22 February 1952. (2)
5. On 25 April 1952, Soviet ZIS truck [redacted] occupied by two soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets was seen in Kutno (Q 53/C 39). (4) A barracks installation consisting of four-story buildings was seen about 3 km east of Kutno and south of the railroad line to Lowicz on the same day. There was intensive construction activity in the barracks area, and source had the impression that an additional number of buildings was to be erected. (5)
6. Militia personnel wearing khaki blouses, long trousers, laced shoes, leggings and either visor-type caps or cornered caps were seen in the barracks installation near the railroad station in Wesola (R 53/L 19) in late February 1952. (6)
7. While passing through Schwiebus in late February 1952, source saw a barracks installation west of the town and about 2 km north of the railroad line to Frankfurt/Oder. The installation which had been damaged in 1945 was reconditioned in early 1952. No occupation was noticed.

Comments.

- (1) Source believed that a Soviet signal detachment worked on the Berlin-Moscow trunk line.

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(2) Although it was known that the barracks installation in Lowicz was occupied by Soviet troops, there was no possibility to identify the unit concerned as the reports received were conflicting. In spite of the red-bordered black service color seen, it is likely that a signal unit in charge of the telephone trunk line between Berlin and Moscow is concerned.

(3) Probably draftees of the 1931 or 1932 class. Personnel was also inducted in spring during the preceding years.

(4) [REDACTED]

(5) Source believed that the installation mentioned is the Sklenski Barracks which, in April 1951, reportedly housed a Polish ordnance and munitions depot.

(6) Militia personnel wear a bluish-grey uniform. The installation probably housed an army unit or KBZ unit. Only one installation north of the railroad station which, in August 1951, was occupied by a school for propaganda and political indoctrination had been identified in Wesola. See [REDACTED]

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